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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 Summary of Major Changes for 2nd Round

- 1) Separate NOFAs for BTOP and BIP
- 2) Additional consideration for projects with more than 30% non-federal funding
- 3) “Comprehensive Communities” approach (see NOFA Sec. II.B.1.c., pg. 15-16)
 - a) Places main focus on middle mile
- 4) Reduced eligibility criteria to 3 factors
 - a) Eligible entries
 - b) Complete application
 - c) Matching funds available
- 5) Reduced detail required for project map
 - a) Map project using census tracts instead of census blocks
 - i) Census tracts are about 100x larger than census blocks and 3 or 4x larger than census block groups
- 6) Clarified process for requesting waivers from proposal requirements

For further description of these changes, see Sec. I.C.4., pg. 9-11 of the NOFA